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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, June 2, 2006 in which a three-month period for response expired on September 2, 2006. After

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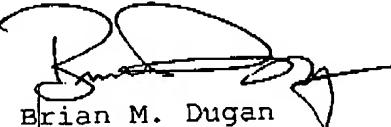
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granting the Request for a two-month extension of time, the response period will expire on November 2, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two-month extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,



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